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MEMORANDUM

TO: [NCIP program participant]
FROM: Beth Rowe-West, R.N., B.S.N., Head
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SUBJECT: *Urgent:* Status of Transition Plan Vaccines

As you know, the North Carolina Immunization Program (NCIP) has changed to a Vaccines for Children (VFC)-only program. The state has developed a plan to transition to the VFC-only program. The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the transition plan. Funding for this plan is based on a one-time allocation from the North Carolina General Assembly for immunizing children who are not eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program. The intent is to assist in meeting immunization school requirements for non-VFC children entering kindergarten through the eighth grade.

The N.C. Immunization Branch has allocated vaccine purchased with this one-time funding to each county based on the size of its unvaccinated non-VFC population of children entering kindergarten through eighth grade. Local Health Departments (LHDs) were asked to choose how this allocation of vaccine would be distributed in their counties. Some LHDs chose to receive all of their county’s allocation, while others chose to divide their county’s allocation with private providers. Based on the limited amount of vaccine available through the transition plan, the NCIP calculated the estimated allotment that your practice would have received. This allotment did not meet the minimum shipping requirements, therefore your practice will not be receiving vaccine through the transition plan for non-VFC children. You will still be able to receive state-supplied vaccines for your VFC- eligible children (0 through 18 years).

You may vaccinate non-VFC-eligible children in your practice with state-supplied vaccine that was on hand in your practice on June 30, 2010 according to the June 14, 2010 Coverage Criteria, or with privately-purchased vaccine. If you serve a non-VFC-eligible patient who states an inability to pay their health insurance deductible or co-payment you may refer them to the LHD so they may benefit from this transition plan.

For more information on the transition plan, go to: www.immunizenc.com/programchanges.htm

If you have questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact NCIP Help Desk at, ncirhelp@dhhs.nc.gov. If this causes a hardship for your practice, please contact Brandon Rector, Vaccine Distribution Unit Head, at brandon.rector@dhhs.nc.gov.

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